

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim + 21, wherein the webs have a length of at least 5 mm each, measured in the circumferential direction of the inking roller.
3. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim + 21, wherein the webs have a length of at most 30 mm each, measured in the circumferential direction of the inking roller.
4. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim + 21, wherein the circumferential flutes extend with a slope in relation to the axis of rotation (R) of the inking roller in a layout of the surface and a slope angle along the circumferential flutes is always greater than 70°.
5. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim + 21, wherein each of the circumferential flutes runs back into itself.
6. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim + 21, wherein the

circumferential flutes have a continuously curved course.

7. (Currently Amended) An inking roller in accordance with claim †21, wherein the circumferential flutes extend in a wave-shaped pattern with an amplitude of preferably between 3 mm and 50 mm.

8. (Previously Presented) An inking system, comprising:

- a printing form cylinder or plate cylinder;
- a rubber blanket cylinder;
- an inking and dampening system with an ink duct, a ductor roller, a doctor blade bar engaged with the ductor roller and a film or fluted roller;
- other ink transfer rollers between the film or fluted roller;
- a mating cylinder, the rubber blanket cylinder forming a printing gap, in which a web passing through is printed on, on one side or on both sides, the film or fluted roller comprising a ink-transferring surface with predominately circumferential flutes distributed over the ink-transfer surface and, predominately longitudinal flutes intersecting the circumferential flutes and elevated surface areas as disposed between the circumferential and longitudinal flutes.

9. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the elevated surface areas have a length of at least 5 mm each, measured in the circumferential direction of the inking roller.

10. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 9, wherein the elevated surface areas have a length of at most 30 mm each, measured in the circumferential direction of the inking roller.

11. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the circumferential flutes extend with a slope in relation to the axis of rotation of the inking roller in a layout of the surface and a slope angle along the circumferential flutes is always greater than 70°.

12. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 11, wherein each of the circumferential flutes run back into itself.

13. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the circumferential flutes have a continuously curved course; and  
the elevated surface areas form between 10% and 20% of a total roller surface.

14. (Previously Presented) An inking system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the circumferential flutes extend in a wave-shaped pattern with an amplitude of preferably between 3 mm and 50 mm.

15. (Previously Presented) An inking system comprising:

an inking roller including a ink-transferring surface, said surface defining a plurality of circumferential flutes extending predominantly in a circumferential direction of said inking roller, said surface defining a plurality of longitudinal flutes extending predominantly in a longitudinal direction of said inking roller.

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16. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 15, wherein:  
said inking roller has a rotational axis;  
said circumferential flutes extend in a direction greater than 70° from said rotational axis.

17. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 16, wherein:  
said direction of said circumferential flutes continuously curves between 70° and 90° with respect to said rotational axis, as said circumferential flutes extend around said surface of said inking roller.

18. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 17, wherein:  
said continuously curving direction of said circumferential flutes forms a wave shaped pattern with an amplitude of approximately 3 mm to 50 mm.

19. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 15, wherein:  
each of said circumferential flutes forms a closed loop around said surface of said

inking roller.

20. (Previously Presented) A system in accordance with claim 15, wherein:  
elevated surface areas are disposed between the circumferential and longitudinal flutes;  
and

the elevated surface areas form between 10% and 20% of a total roller surface.

21. (New) An inking roller for an inking system, the inking roller comprising:  
an ink-transferring surface;  
a plurality of circumferential flutes distributed over said ink-transferring surface;  
a plurality of longitudinal flutes distributed over said ink-transferring surface, said  
plurality of longitudinal flutes intersecting said plurality of circumferential flutes;  
elevated surface areas as webs between said plurality of circumferential and said  
plurality of longitudinal flutes, said elevated surface areas constituting less than 15% of said  
ink-transferring surface;  
said flutes and said elevated surface areas being arranged to create a wave-shaped  
pattern on said ink-transferring surface in a longitudinal and a circumferential direction, a crest  
of said wave-shaped pattern as viewed in said circumferential direction being longer than a  
crest of said wave-shaped pattern as viewed in said longitudinal direction, a trough of said  
wave-shaped pattern as viewed in said circumferential direction being smaller than a trough  
of said wave-shaped pattern as viewed in said longitudinal direction.